

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Lillian Larson, and we are richer because Lillian lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Lillian was born on January 28, 1936, in Beloit, Wisconsin, and she is the oldest of five girls; and,

Whereas, Lillian married Darwin Larson on July 27, 1963, and to this union they were blessed with three children, Sherry, John, and Darwin, and were further blessed with three grandchildren, Josh, Collin, and Mitchell, and the neighborhood "Grandma Lil" of many children in Dell Rapids; and,

Whereas, Lillian was captain of the basketball and baseball teams of the Girls Athletic Association at Aberdeen Central High School, and she served two years in the Women's Army Corp at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is a 40 year member of the Dell Rapids Legion Auxiliary and current member of Club 500; and,

Whereas, For the past seven years, Lillian has worked in the lunchroom at St. Mary's School in Dell Rapids where students call her "Miss Lil", and in her free time, Lillian enjoys sewing, reading, and spending time with her cats; and,

Whereas, Lillian will observe her 80th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 28, 2016, as

LILLIAN LARSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her family and friends in wishing her a happy 80th birthday.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State